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OLYMPIC REGION  
TUMWATER, WASHINGTON

ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
STATE ROUTE 161  
234TH STREET EAST TO KING COUNTY LINE  
MP 17.58 TO MP 32.55

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# STATE ROUTE 161 ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

### ACCESS MANAGEMENT

- **This was a major focus point that helped the steering committee develop highway mobility recommendations.**
- The RDP introduces the WSDOT Access Management Plan Classifications. Typical Roadway sections are presented that highlight median treatments associated with the Class 2 and 3 designations. Recommendations regarding Median Barrier, Raised Curbed Medians, and TWLTL's are discussed.

### HIGHWAY MOBILITY

- **Graham Design (234th Street East to 176th) Widening. Certain details such as median treatments, traffic signals, and channelization will be determined. Barrier vs. TWLTL**
- No additional lanes recommended from 176th Street East to Meridian Street.
- SR 512 I/C Vicinity---Provide one additional lane each direction and widen structure.
- SR 167 to King Co Line -- Widening
- **Edgewood Design (from 36th St E to the King Co Line) This project will likely provide 2 through lanes each direction with either a center turn lane or other treatment to be determined. (City opposed to widening)**

### HIGHWAY SAFETY

The following sections have been identified as needing safety improvements. Many of these areas overlap with mobility improvement sections. The recommended capacity improvements, traffic signals, turn channelization, realignment, and other strategies are possible options to improve these areas.

- 244th St E. vicinity to 176th St E. (currently in design from 234th to 176th)
- 176th St E. to 132nd St E.
- Southill Vicinity (Meridian St intersection to SR 512 EB ramps)
- Northill Vicinity (Dechaux Rd. E. to 36th St E.)
- 36th St E. Vic. to 16th / 18th Sts. E. Vic. (currently in design 36th to County Line)

### TRANSIT, PARK AND RIDE LOTS, AND NON MOTORIZED

- Increased transit service is encouraged by WSDOT.
- Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists include the highway shoulder and sidewalk along SR 161.
- The RDP recommends locations in the vicinity of State Route 161 that should be considered as Park and Ride lot or Transit Center sites.